- a floor panel having a base structure and an inner floor covering adhesively secured to the base structure and an outer floor covering adhesively secured to the inner floor covering where the inner floor covering ext nds beyond the outer floor covering so as to present a border along the edge of the inner floor covering;
- 4. the inner floor covering and the outer floor covering are separate.

Also Examiner stated that claims 13, 14 and 20 are rejected as being unpatentable over Gibson. In particular Examiner stated that Gibson discloses the method of producing a floor panel including the steps of cutting an outer panel, applying adhesive thereto, cutting an inner panel so as to form a border, applying adhesive thereto, securing the inner and outer panels together and to the base.

In this regard, Agent for Applicant respectfully states that Gibson does not teach:

- 1. a base structure;
- 2. an inner floor covering and an outer floor covering;
- a floor panel having a base structure and an inner floor covering adhesively secured to the base structure and an outer floor covering adhesively secured to the inner floor covering where the inner floor covering extends beyond the outer floor covering so as to present a border along the edge of the inner floor covering;
- 4. the inner floor covering and the outer floor covering are separate.

## CONCLUSIONS

Agent for Applicant respectfully states the application is now in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully solicits same.

Agent for Applicant respectfully request that all futur correspondence relating to this application be directed to the Agent's new address as outlined.

Yours faithfully,

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